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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Erfurt-Findersleben Airfield</u>	25X1	
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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Erfurt-Findersleben airfield between 5 September and 4 October 1964:
  - 5 September. At 1200, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off individually, assembled in an element, and practiced flying in the vicinity of the field at an altitude of from 300 to 400 meters. These flights still continued at 1220 when it began to rain. At about 1223, the aircraft landed at the field.
  - 6 September. Between 1400 and 1600, four jet fighters were parked side-by-side near the flight control station. The observation was made from the northern edge of the field. No air activity was conducted.
  - 15 September. Between 1100 and 1300, four jet fighters were again observed parked in one row near the flight control building. The aircraft numbers could not be seen. There was no air activity.
  - 26 September. At about 1130, four jet fighters took off individually and at intervals of about 1,000 meters. Flying in a left curve, they climbed to an altitude of 500 meters and, shortly afterward, assembled in a formation.
  - 4 October. Between 1000 and 1300, four jet fighters were again seen near the flight control station. No air activity was conducted.

2. A radio installation with one mast about 12 meters braced by two guy wires was observed southeast of the flight control station inside of the field boundary.
3. No changes were observed in the AA gun emplacement at the southern edge of the field.
4. Nine semi-underground fuel containers were seen in the fuel dump in the eastern section of the field.

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6. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 19 September and 3 October:
  - 19 September. Between 1530 and 1635, an element of two MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s practiced flying over Erfurt.
  - 20 September. At 0715, an element of two jet fighters approached from the east-northeast and crossed over the field at low level heading west. The observation was made from the southern section of Erfurt. At 0740, a formation of six jet fighters approached from the east-northeast and headed west.

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At 0810, 10 jet fighters crossed over the field. They came from the west and headed east-northeast.

21 September. No air activity was observed at the field.

23 September. Between 1135 and 1145, two jet fighters crossed over the field.

23 to 30 September. No aircraft were seen aloft.

1 October. Between 0700 and 1345, two formations of four Il-10s each flew 5 times toward the west. The aircraft returned after 45 to 75 minutes. The take-offs and landings were made individually. It was once observed that there was an interval of 16 minutes between the landing and next take-off by the first aircraft of a formation. From this observation it was inferred that these 16 minutes were required for the refueling of an individual plane. At the same time, the jet fighters stationed at the field flew toward the west. In addition to the four alert aircraft, there was air activity by eight jet fighters which came from another airfield and were also marked by three-digit red numbers. The jet fighters also flew in formations of four and landed in elements of two with an interval of 1.5 minutes between the individual elements. All of the jet fighters were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.

2 October. Two sorties were flown by Il-10s and jet fighters up to 1130. A maximum of eight Il-10s were seen aloft. The jet fighters from another airfield were parked in one row in the southeastern corner of the landing field. Nearby were two groups of four Il-10s each and, at a considerable distance, was an individual Il-10.

3 October. A formation of four Il-10s took off at 0700. Two MiG15s or U-MiG-15s landed at the field at 0800 and four additional jet fighters landed at 0900. No take-offs were observed between 0800 and 0900. At 1030, only the four alert aircraft were seen near the flight control station. Four or six trucks were leaving the airfield proceeding toward the west. The field was additionally occupied by eight jet fighters and nine Il-10s for eight to ten days apparently in connection with the maneuvers.

Comment. It is believed that Erfurt-Findersleben airfield is still occupied by a formation of four alert jet fighters. The aircraft strength was increased by some Il-10s and jet fighters for 10 days, during the fall maneuvers around 1 October. The Il-10s are presumably assigned to the ground attack division in Brandenburg.

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